

# SKEW POLYNOMIAL RINGS OVER ABELIAN AND IDEMPOTENT REFLEXIVE RINGS

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**ABSTRACT.** Let  $R$  be a ring and  $\sigma$  an endomorphism of  $R$ . In this note, we study skew polynomial rings and skew power series rings over idempotent reflexive rings and abelian rings. Also, we introduce the concept of right (resp., left)  $\sigma$ -idempotent reflexive rings which generalizes right (resp., left) idempotent reflexive rings and  $\sigma$ -abelian rings. Certain results are obtained as corollaries from our results.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout this paper,  $R$  denotes an associative ring with unity. Let  $Id(R)$  be the set of all idempotent elements of  $R$ . A ring  $R$  is called abelian if all idempotent of it are central (i.e.,  $re = er$  for all  $r \in R$  and  $e \in Id(R)$ ). Following Hashemi and Moussavi [5], a ring  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -compatible if for each  $a, b \in R$ ,  $ab = 0$  if and only if  $a\sigma(b) = 0$ . Agayev et al. [1], introduced  $\sigma$ -abelian rings as a generalization of abelian rings. A ring  $R$  is called  $\sigma$ -abelian if it is abelian and  $\sigma$ -compatible. A left ideal  $I$  is said to be *reflexive* [11], if  $aRb \subseteq I$  implies  $bRa \subseteq I$  for  $a, b \in R$ . A ring  $R$  is called *reflexive* if 0 is a reflexive ideal. The reflexive property for ideals was first studied by Mason [11], this concept was generalized by Kim and Baik [7, 8], and they introduced the concept of idempotent reflexive right ideals and rings. A left ideal  $I$  is called *idempotent reflexive* [7], if  $aRe \subseteq I$  implies  $eRa \subseteq I$  for  $a, e = e^2 \in R$ . A ring  $R$  is called *idempotent reflexive* if 0 is an idempotent reflexive ideal. Also, there is an example of an idempotent reflexive ring which is not reflexive [7, Example 5]. Kwak and Lee [9], introduced the concept of left and right idempotent reflexive rings. A ring  $R$  is called *left idempotent reflexive* if  $eRa = 0$  implies  $aRe = 0$  for  $a, e = e^2 \in R$ . Right idempotent reflexive rings are defined similarly. If a ring  $R$  is left and right idempotent reflexive then it is called an idempotent reflexive ring. It can be easily checked that every reflexive ring is an idempotent reflexive ring. Abelian rings (i.e., its idempotents are central) are idempotent reflexive and hence semicommutative rings are idempotent reflexive since semicommutative rings are abelian. For a subset  $X$  of  $R$ ,  $r_R(X) = \{a \in R \mid Xa = 0\}$  and  $\ell_R(X) = \{a \in R \mid aX = 0\}$  will stand for the right and the left annihilator of  $X$  in  $R$  respectively.

For an endomorphism  $\sigma$  of a ring  $R$ , a *skew polynomial ring* (also called an *Ore extension of endomorphism type*)  $R[x; \sigma]$  of  $R$  is the ring obtained by giving the

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polynomial ring over  $R$  with the new multiplication  $xr = \sigma(r)x$  for all  $r \in R$ . Also, a *skew power series ring*  $R[[x; \sigma]]$  is the ring consisting of all power series of the form  $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i x^i$  ( $a_i \in R$ ), which are multiplied using the distributive law and the Ore commutation rule  $xa = \sigma(a)x$ , for all  $a \in R$ .

In this paper, we study skew polynomial rings and skew power series rings over idempotent reflexive rings and abelian rings. Also, we used the idea of Agayev et al. [1] to introduce the concept of right (resp., left)  $\sigma$ -idempotent reflexive rings which is a generalization of right (resp., left) idempotent reflexive rings and  $\sigma$ -abelian rings. Agayev et al. [1], studied abelian and  $\sigma$ -abelian properties on skew polynomial rings. Also, Kwak and Lee [9], investigated reflexive and idempotent reflexive properties on ordinary polynomial extensions. In this note, we continue studying abelian and idempotent reflexive properties on skew polynomial and skew power series extensions. For a ring  $R$  and  $\sigma$  an endomorphism of  $R$ .

1. We introduce the concept of right (resp., left)  $\sigma$ -idempotent reflexive rings which generalizes right (resp., left) idempotent reflexive rings and  $\sigma$ -abelian rings.

2. We discuss when (left and right) idempotent reflexive property passes from  $R$  to  $R[x; \sigma]$  (or  $R[[x; \sigma]]$ ) and conversely, under the conditions “ $\sigma$ -compatible” and “ $\sigma(Re) \subseteq Re$  for all  $e \in Id(R)$ ”.

3. We show that, if  $R$  satisfy the condition  $(\mathcal{C}_\sigma)$  then, abelian property passes from  $R$  to  $R[x; \sigma]$  and  $R[[x; \sigma]]$ . Some results are obtained as corollaries of our results.

## 2. IDEMPOTENT REFLEXIVE PROPERTY

In [10, Theorem 3.1], a ring  $R$  is idempotent reflexive if and only if  $R[x]$  is idempotent reflexive if and only if  $R[[x]]$  is idempotent reflexive. One might expect if idempotent reflexive property can be preserved under skew polynomial and skew power series extensions.

**Proposition 2.1.** *Let  $R$  be a ring and  $\sigma$  an endomorphism of  $R$  such that  $\sigma(Re) \subseteq Re$  for all  $e \in Id(R)$ .*

(1) *If  $R$  is left idempotent reflexive then  $R[x, \sigma]$  and  $R[[x, \sigma]]$  are left idempotent reflexive.*

(2) *If  $R[x, \sigma]$  or  $R[[x, \sigma]]$  is right idempotent reflexive then  $R$  is right idempotent reflexive.*

*Proof.* (1) Let  $e(x) = \sum_{j=0}^m e_j x^j \in Id(R[x, \sigma])$  and  $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n f_i x^i \in R[x, \sigma]$ . Assume that  $e(x)R[x, \sigma]f(x) = 0$ , then  $e(x)Rf(x) = 0$ . Thus for any  $b \in R$ , we have the following system of equations.

$$e_0 b f_0 = 0 \tag{0}$$

$$e_0 b f_1 + e_1 \sigma(b f_0) = 0 \tag{1}$$

$$e_0 b f_2 + e_1 \sigma(b f_1) + e_2 \sigma^2(b f_0) = 0 \tag{2}$$

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From equation (0),  $f_0 \in r_R(e_0 R)$ . Let  $s \in R$  and take  $b = e_0 s$  in equation (1). Then  $e_0 s f_1 + e_1 \sigma(e_0 s f_0) = 0$ , but  $f_0 \in r_R(e_0 R)$ . So  $e_0 s f_1 = 0$ , hence  $f_1 \in r_R(e_0 R)$ . Now, in equation (2), take  $b = e_0 s$  for each  $s \in R$ . Then  $e_0 s f_2 + e_1 \sigma(e_0 s f_1) + e_2 \sigma^2(e_0 s f_0) = 0$ , since  $f_0, f_1 \in r_R(e_0 R)$  so  $e_0 s f_2 = 0$ . Hence  $f_2 \in r_R(e_0 R)$ . Continuing this procedure yields  $f_i \in r_R(e_0 R)$  for all  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Hence

$e_0 R f_i = 0$  for all  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Thus  $f_i R e_0 = 0$  for all  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$  because  $R$  is left idempotent reflexive. On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) R e_0 &= f_0 R e_0 + f_1 x R e_0 + \dots + f_n x^n R e_0 \\ &= f_0 R e_0 + f_1 \sigma(R e_0) x + \dots + f_n \sigma^n(R e_0) x^n \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\sigma(R e_0) \subseteq R e_0$ , it follows that  $f(x) R e_0 \subseteq \sum_{i=0}^n f_i R e_0 = 0$ , then  $f(x) R e_0 = 0$ . With the same method as above, we obtain

$$f(x) R x e_0 = f(x) R x^2 e_0 = \dots = f(x) R x^n e_0 = 0.$$

So  $f(x) R[x, \sigma] e_0 = 0$ . However, since  $e(x)^2 = e(x)$ , we have  $e_0^2 = e_0$ ,  $e_0 e_1 + e_1 \sigma(e_0) = e_1$ ,  $\dots$ . Using the hypothesis " $\sigma(R e_0) \subseteq R e_0$ ", we have  $e_j \in R e_0 R$  for any  $1 \leq j \leq m$ . Thus from the fact  $f(x) R[x, \sigma] e_0 = 0$ , we have  $f(x) R[x, \sigma] e_j = 0$ , and therefore  $f(x) R[x, \sigma] e(x) = 0$ . We use similar argument for the case of skew power series rings.

(2) Suppose that  $R[x, \sigma]$  (resp.,  $R[[x, \sigma]]$ ) is right idempotent reflexive. If  $a R e = 0$  for some  $e^2 = e, a \in R$  then  $a R[x, \sigma] e = 0$ , by the hypothesis " $\sigma(R e) \subseteq R e$ ". Since  $R[x, \sigma]$  (resp.,  $R[[x, \sigma]]$ ) is right idempotent reflexive, we get  $e R[x, \sigma] a = 0$ , then  $e R a = 0$ . Therefore  $R$  is right idempotent reflexive.  $\square$

We can easily see that, if a ring  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -compatible then  $\sigma(e) = e$  for all  $e \in Id(R)$ , and so the condition " $\sigma(R e) \subseteq R e$  for all  $e \in Id(R)$ ", is satisfied.

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let  $R$  be a ring and  $\sigma$  an endomorphism of  $R$  such that  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -compatible.*

(1) *If  $R$  is right idempotent reflexive then  $R[x, \sigma]$  and  $R[[x, \sigma]]$  are right idempotent reflexive.*

(2) *If  $R[x, \sigma]$  or  $R[[x, \sigma]]$  is left idempotent reflexive then  $R$  is left idempotent reflexive.*

*Proof.* (1) Assume that  $R$  is right idempotent reflexive and let  $e(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n e_i x^i \in Id(R[x, \sigma])$  and  $f(x) = \sum_{j=0}^m f_j x^j \in R[x, \sigma]$  such that  $f(x) R[x, \sigma] e(x) = 0$ . Thus we have the following system of equations where  $b$  is an arbitrary element of  $R$ .

$$f_0 b e_0 = 0 \tag{0}$$

$$f_0 b e_1 + f_1 \sigma(b e_0) = 0 \tag{1}$$

$$f_0 b e_2 + f_1 \sigma(b e_1) + f_2 \sigma^2(b e_0) = 0 \tag{2}$$

$\dots$

Equation (0) yields  $f_0 \in \ell_R(R e_0)$ . In equation (1) substitute  $s e_0$  for  $b$  to obtain  $f_1 \sigma(s e_0) = 0$ , but  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -compatible then  $f_1 s e_0 = 0$  and so  $f_1 \in \ell_R(R e_0)$ . Continuing this procedure yields  $f_i \in \ell_R(R e_0)$  for all  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ . Since  $R$  is right idempotent reflexive, it follows that  $e_0 R f_i = 0$  for all  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ . We claim that  $e_0 R[x, \sigma] f(x) = 0$ . Observe that  $e_0 R f(x) = \sum_{j=0}^m e_0 R f_j x^j = 0$  and  $e_0 R x f(x) = \sum_{j=0}^m e_0 R \sigma(f_j) x^{j+1} = 0$  because  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -compatible. Also, we have  $e_0 R x^k f(x) = 0$  for all nonnegative integers  $k$ . Consequently  $e_0 \varphi(x) f(x) = 0$  for all  $\varphi(x) \in R[x, \sigma]$ . Thus  $e_0 R[x, \sigma] f(x) = 0$ . As, in the proof of Proposition 2.1, we have  $e_i \in R e_0 R$  for any  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . It follows that  $e(x) R[x, \sigma] f(x) = 0$ . Therefore,  $R[x, \sigma]$  is right idempotent reflexive.

(2) As in the proof of Proposition 2.1(2), it suffices to replace the hypothesis " $\sigma(R e) \subseteq R e$ " by " $\sigma$ -compatible".  $\square$

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $R$  be a ring and  $\sigma$  an endomorphism of  $R$  such that  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -compatible. Then*

- (1)  *$R$  is right idempotent reflexive if and only if  $R[x, \sigma]$  is right idempotent reflexive if and only if  $R[[x, \sigma]]$  is right idempotent reflexive.*
- (2)  *$R$  is left idempotent reflexive if and only if  $R[x, \sigma]$  is left idempotent reflexive if and only if  $R[[x, \sigma]]$  is left idempotent reflexive.*
- (3)  *$R$  is idempotent reflexive if and only if  $R[x, \sigma]$  is idempotent reflexive if and only if  $R[[x, \sigma]]$  is idempotent reflexive.*

*Proof.* Obvious from Propositions 2.1 and 2.2.  $\square$

Following Agayev et al. [1]. A ring  $R$  is called  $\sigma$ -abelian if it is abelian and  $\sigma$ -compatible. In the next, we use the same idea to introduce  $\sigma$ -idempotent reflexive rings as a generalization of idempotent reflexive rings and  $\sigma$ -abelian rings.

**Definition 2.4.** *Let  $R$  be a ring and  $\sigma$  an endomorphism of  $R$ .*

- (1)  *$R$  is called right (resp., left)  $\sigma$ -idempotent reflexive if it is right (resp., left) idempotent reflexive and  $\sigma$ -compatible.*
- (2)  *$R$  is called  $\sigma$ -idempotent reflexive if it is both right and left  $\sigma$ -idempotent reflexive.*

A ring  $R$  is right (resp., left) idempotent reflexive if  $R$  is right (resp., left)  $id_R$ -idempotent reflexive, where  $id_R$  denotes the identity endomorphism of  $R$ . We can easily see that  $\sigma$ -abelian rings are  $\sigma$ -idempotent reflexive.

**Example 2.5.** *Consider the ring  $R = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_4 \right\}$ , where  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  is the ring of integers modulo 4. Let  $\sigma$  an endomorphism of  $R$  defined by*

$$\sigma \left( \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} \text{ for all } \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} \in R$$

*By [1, Example 2.2]. The ring  $R$  is abelian so it is right and left idempotent reflexive. Also,  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -compatible. Thus  $R$  is right and left  $\sigma$ -idempotent reflexive.*

**Corollary 2.6.** *Let  $R$  be a ring and  $\sigma$  an endomorphism of  $R$ . Then*

- (1) *If  $R$  is left  $\sigma$ -idempotent reflexive then  $R[x, \sigma]$  and  $R[[x, \sigma]]$  are left idempotent reflexive.*
- (2) *If  $R$  is right  $\sigma$ -idempotent reflexive then  $R[x, \sigma]$  and  $R[[x, \sigma]]$  are right idempotent reflexive.*
- (3) *If  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -idempotent reflexive then  $R[x, \sigma]$  and  $R[[x, \sigma]]$  are idempotent reflexive.*

*Proof.* Immediate from Proposition 2.1.  $\square$

### 3. ABELIAN PROPERTY

In this section,  $\sigma$  is an endomorphism of  $R$  such that  $\sigma(1) = 1$ . We can easily see that  $Id(R) \subseteq Id(R[x])$ . However  $Id(R) \neq Id(R[x])$ . We can take the next example.

**Example 3.1.** *Let  $F$  be a field and consider the ring  $R = \begin{pmatrix} F & F \\ 0 & F \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $e = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} x$  is an element of  $Id(R[x])$ . But  $e \notin Id(R)$ .*

According to Kanwara et al. [6, Corollary 6], a ring  $R$  is abelian if and only if  $R[x]$  is abelian. In the next, we give a generalization to skew polynomial rings and skew power series rings.

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $R$  be an abelian ring such that  $\sigma(Re) \subseteq Re$  for all  $e \in Id(R)$ . For any  $e = \sum_{i=0}^n e_i x^i \in Id(R[x, \sigma])$  (resp.,  $e = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} e_i x^i \in Id(R[[x, \sigma]])$ ), we have  $ee_0 = e_0$  and  $e_0 e = e$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $e = \sum_{i=0}^n e_i x^i \in Id(R[x, \sigma])$ , then we have the following system of equations

$$e_0^2 = e_0 \quad (0)$$

$$e_0 e_1 + e_1 \sigma(e_0) = e_1 \quad (1)$$

$$e_0 e_2 + e_1 \sigma(e_1) + e_2 \sigma^2(e_0) = e_2 \quad (2)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$e_0 e_n + e_1 \sigma(e_{n-1}) + \cdots + e_n \sigma^n(e_0) = e_n \quad (n)$$

Since abelian rings are idempotent reflexive, then by the proof of Proposition 2.1, we have  $e_i \in Re_0 R = e_0 R$  for all  $0 \leq i \leq n$ , because  $e_0$  is central. Hence  $e_i = e_0 e_i = e_i e_0$  for all  $0 \leq i \leq n$  and so  $e_0 e = e$  (1').

On the other hand, from equations (1) and (1'), we have  $e_1 \sigma(e_0) = 0$ . Also, we have  $e_1 \sigma(e_1) + e_2 \sigma^2(e_0) = 0$  (2') from equations (2) and (1'). But  $\sigma^2(e_0)$  is an idempotent, then equation (2') becomes  $e_1 \sigma(e_1) \sigma^2(e_0) + e_2 \sigma^2(e_0) = e_1 \sigma[e_1 \sigma(e_0)] + e_2 \sigma^2(e_0) = 0$ , since  $e_1 \sigma(e_0) = 0$  we get  $e_2 \sigma^2(e_0) = 0$ . Continuing this procedure yields  $e_i \sigma^i(e_0) = 0$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Thus  $ee_0 = e_0$ . With similar method we get the result for  $R[[x, \sigma]]$ .  $\square$

Recall that a ring  $R$  is satisfying the condition  $(\mathcal{C}_\sigma)$  if whenever  $a\sigma(b) = 0$  with  $a, b \in R$ , then  $ab = 0$  [4]. Clearly,  $\sigma$ -compatible rings satisfy the condition  $(\mathcal{C}_\sigma)$ .

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let  $R$  be a ring and  $\sigma$  an endomorphism of  $R$ . If  $R$  satisfies the condition  $(\mathcal{C}_\sigma)$  then for any  $e^2 = e \in R$ , we have  $\sigma(e) = e$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $e \in Id(R)$ , by the condition  $(\mathcal{C}_\sigma)$  and from  $\sigma(e)(1 - \sigma(e)) = (1 - \sigma(e))\sigma(e) = 0$ , we get  $\sigma(e) = \sigma(e)e$  and  $e = \sigma(e)e$ . Therefore  $\sigma(e) = e$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.4.** *If  $R$  satisfies the condition  $(\mathcal{C}_\sigma)$ . Then  $R$  is abelian if and only if  $R[x, \sigma]$  is abelian if and only if  $R[[x, \sigma]]$  is abelian.*

*Proof.* It suffices to show the necessary condition, let  $e = \sum_{i=0}^n e_i x^i \in Id(R[x, \sigma])$ . From Lemma 3.2, we get  $e_i = e_i e_0$  and  $e_i \sigma^i(e_0) = 0$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . By the condition  $(\mathcal{C}_\sigma)$ , we have  $e_i = 0$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , then  $e = e_0 \in Id(R)$ . Therefore  $R[x, \sigma]$  is abelian. The same method for  $R[[x, \sigma]]$ .  $\square$

**Example 3.5.** *Let  $F$  be a field. Consider the ring*

$$R = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & v \\ 0 & 0 & u & u \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b, u, v \in F \right\}$$

and  $\sigma$  an endomorphism of  $R$  defined by

$$\sigma \left( \begin{pmatrix} a & b & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & v \\ 0 & 0 & u & u \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} u & v & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & u & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b \\ 0 & 0 & a & a \end{pmatrix} \text{ for all } \begin{pmatrix} a & b & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & v \\ 0 & 0 & u & u \end{pmatrix} \in R$$

- (1)  $R$  is abelian. But  $R[x; \sigma]$  is not abelian by [1, Example 2.17].  
(2)  $R$  does not satisfy the condition  $(C_\sigma)$ . Let  $e_{ij}$  denote the  $4 \times 4$  matrix units having alone 1 as its  $(i, j)$ -entry and all other entries 0. Consider

$$e = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in Id(R)$$

Then

$$\sigma(e) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \neq e$$

By Lemma 3.3, the condition  $(C_\sigma)$  is not satisfied.

We can see from Example 3.5, that the condition  $(C_\sigma)$  in Proposition 3.4 is not superfluous.

**Corollary 3.6.** *Let  $R$  be a  $\sigma$ -compatible ring. Then  $R$  is abelian if and only if  $R[x, \sigma]$  is abelian if and only if  $R[[x, \sigma]]$  is abelian*

*Proof.* Obvious from Proposition 3.4. □

**Corollary 3.7** ([6, Corollary 6]). *Let  $R$  be a ring. Then  $R$  is abelian if and only if  $R[x]$  is abelian if and only if  $R[[x]]$  is abelian.*

*Proof.* It suffices to take  $\sigma = id_R$  in Proposition 3.4. □

**Corollary 3.8** ([1, Theorem 2.21]). *If  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -abelian then  $R[x, \sigma]$  and  $R[[x, \sigma]]$  are abelian.*

*Proof.* Clearly from Proposition 3.4. □

In the next, we will give an example of a ring  $R$  and an endomorphism  $\sigma$  of  $R$  such that  $R[x, \sigma]$  is abelian, but  $R$  is not  $\sigma$ -abelian. Thus the converse of Corollary 3.8 is not true.

**Example 3.9.** *Let  $\mathbb{K}$  be a field and  $R = \mathbb{K}[t]$  a polynomial ring over  $\mathbb{K}$  with the endomorphism  $\sigma$  given by  $\sigma(f(t)) = f(0)$  for all  $f(t) \in R$ . Since  $R$  is commutative then it is abelian.*

(1)  $R$  is not  $\sigma$ -abelian. Take  $f = a_0 + a_1t + a_2t^2 + \cdots + a_nt^n$  and  $g = b_1t + b_2t^2 + \cdots + b_mt^m$ , since  $g(0) = 0$  so,  $f\sigma(g) = 0$  but  $fg \neq 0$ . Therefore  $R$  is not  $\sigma$ -compatible.

(2) Since  $R$  has only two idempotents 0 and 1 then  $Id(R[x, \sigma]) = Id(R)$  and thus  $R[x, \sigma]$  is abelian.

**Remark 3.10.** *If for a ring  $R$  we have  $Id(R) = \{0, 1\}$ , then  $Id(R[x, \sigma]) = \{0, 1\}$ . Indeed, let  $e = \sum_{i=0}^n e_i x^i \in Id(R[x, \sigma])$  and consider the system cited in the proof of Lemma 3.2. If  $e_0 = 0$  or  $e_0 = 1$ , we can easily see that  $e_i = 0$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .*

**Example 3.11.** Let  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  is the ring of integers modulo 2, take  $R = \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$  with the usual addition and multiplication. Consider  $\sigma: R \rightarrow R$  defined by  $\sigma((a, b)) = (b, a)$ . Let  $e = (1, 0) + (0, 1)x$ ,  $f = (0, 1) + (0, 1)x \in Id(R[x, \sigma])$ . Then

- (1)  $R$  is abelian because it is commutative.
- (2) Since  $(0, 1)e = (0, 1)x \neq e(0, 1) = 0$ , then  $e$  is not central. Thus  $R[x, \sigma]$  is not abelian.

**Example 3.12.** Consider the ring  $R = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & t \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} \mid a \in \mathbb{Z}, t \in \mathbb{Q} \right\}$ , where  $\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}$  are the set of all integers and all rational numbers, respectively. The ring  $R$  is commutative then it's abelian, let  $\sigma: R \rightarrow R$  be an automorphism defined by  $\sigma\left(\begin{pmatrix} a & t \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} a & t/2 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix}$ .

Since  $R$  has only two idempotents  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , it follows that  $Id(R[x, \sigma]) = Id(R)$ . Hence  $R[x, \sigma]$  is abelian.

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